

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3108 - HB 3146

March 9, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the Dangerous Dog Act; requires owners of dogs classified as dangerous to obtain certificates of registration; creates offenses as follows:

- the owner of a dog that is not classified as dangerous but that bites an individual is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor;
- the owner of a dangerous dog that bites an individual is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor; and
- the owner of a dangerous dog that attacks and inflicts serious injury or causes death to an individual is guilty of a Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,400/Incarceration*

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Impact also depends upon the cost to local governments to administer the provisions of the bill.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in a maximum increase in state expenditures of \$4,400 for incarceration*. This estimate is based on one conviction per year receiving a sentence of one year with 30% actually being served.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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